GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2527
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LABOUR PROBLEMS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received complaints from any State Government that job seekers are allegedly being held hostage in different parts of the country; and

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government for the safety, security and return arrangements of the labourers therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO H. GAVIT)

(a): In August, 2007, the Union Ministry of Labour and Employment received a reference from the Government of Chhattisgarh regarding illegal detention of 75 labourers from Chhattisgarh in Badgaon district of Jammu & Kashmir with a request for issuing suitable directions to the Government of Jammu & Kashmir to ensure safety and safe return of the labourers.

(b) The matter was taken up by the Ministry of Labour and Employment with the Government of Jammu & Kashmir. The State Government reported that there was no evidence of bondedness in respect of the said labourers in Badgaon.